

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/528,769) Group Art Unit: 3617
Filing Date: April 19, 2005) Examiner: EDWIN L. SWINEHART
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR) Confirmation No.: 4689
EXCLUDING ENTRY OF DEBRIS)
INTO AN OUTER SEAL OF A SHAFT)
PASSING THROUGH THE HULL OF A)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: November 17, 2006

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$ 65 \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- Also enclosed is a Second Information Disclosure Statement.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$ 395 \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed..

- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

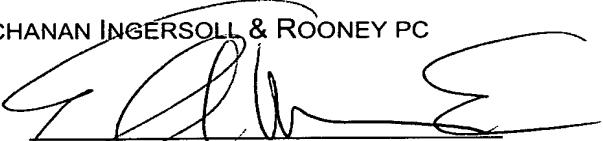
AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	6	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)	\$ 0
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Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

- Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- Charge \$ 180 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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